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[54] METHOD OF COMMUNICATING WITH A LANGUAGE DEFICIENT PATIENT

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An interactive method of communicating with a language deficient user such as an aphasic patient is disclosed. The computer has a display with a pointing device for visually indicating a position through a cursor means on the display. In one example, a plurality of images with each image being a graphical representation of word oriented information or a component thereof is displayed. A plurality of tool-like icons is also displayed. The cursor can be positioned to one of the desired plurality of tool-like icons. When one of the plurality of tool-like icons is selected by the user, the cursor is changed into the image of the tool-like icon selected. The tool-like icon image selected for the cursor is then moved to one of a plurality of the images which represent word-oriented information or a component thereof. When the cursor is activated on the image, a display of information represented by the tool-like icon acting on the word-oriented image is then visually displayed by the computer.

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